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Applicant: Nathan A. Winslow

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Javier G. Blanco

Title: EXTENDED ARTICULAR SURFACE RESURFACING HEAD

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 8, 2006, and prior to examination of the present application, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

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